

II. REMARKS

Claims 34-60 were pending. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 57-60 were allowed and claims 36-41, 45 and 54 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 36, 45, and 54 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the limitations of their respective base claims. Furthermore, claims 40, 42, 43, 46, 47, 51, and 55 have been amended to depend from these rewritten claims. Claims 34, 35, 44, 48, 50, and 53 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims. New claims 61 to 68 set forth selected individual members of Markush Groups set forth in rewritten claims 36 and 45. Thus, claims 36-43, 45-47, 49, 51, 52, and 54-68 are pending and are all directed to allowed or allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully requested reconsideration of the application. Consideration of the attached Information Disclosure Statement is also requested.

35 U.S.C. § 102/103

The rejections of claims 34, 35, 42-44, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 102/103 have been obviated by the foregoing amendments. In particular, claims 34, 35, 44, 48, 50 and 53 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. For their parts, claims 42, 43, 46, 47, 51, 52, 55 and 56 have been amended so as to depend from allowable claims. Thus, the pending claims are all directed to subject matter the Examiner has determined is allowable over the references.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and request early notification to that effect.

Should the Examiner have any further questions, Applicants request that the undersigned be contacted at (650) 493-3400.

Respectfully submitted,

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